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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1405

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FOR FBO RALSON AND HOOKER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD PFOR SO US

SUBJ: EMBASSY COMPOUND

REF: A. MOGADISCIO 1655; B. STATE 222619

1. VALLEJO AND FAMILY DEPARTED ON SCHEDULE FOR NAIROBI NOV 11.
(IMMIGRATION VICE-COMMANDANT WAS AT AIRPORT, PRESUMABLY TO CHECK
ON VALLEJO'S DEPARTURE. WE ALSO OBSERVED SECURITY VEHICLE
TAILING VALLEJO TO AIRPORT.)

2. TEAM MET WITH BANK (SSCB) OFFICIALS NOV 11. ALI SHEIKH
ATTENDED MEETING AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF BANK. BANK OFFICIALS
REPEATEDLY STATED THAT LETTER OF CREDIT WOULD BE HONORED, THAT
BANK WILLING MAKE PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS AGAINST VOUCHERS PRE-
PARED AND CERTIFIED BY EMBASSY, AND THAT THESE PAYMENTS WOULD
BE CHARGED AGAINST ALI SHEIKH'S ACCOUNT WITH BANK. (BANK PRE-
SUMABLY WOULD RETAIN PORTION OF SUCH PAYMENTS TO SATISFY ALI
SHEIKH'S INDEBTEDNESS). ALI SHEIKH THEN STATED HE HAD UNDER-
STOOD FROM PRESIDENT SIAD THAT FONSEC OMAR ARTEH HAD DISCUSSED
WITH AMERICAN CHARGE IN LATE FALL OF 1972 WHETHER USG WOULD
"WAIVE" RECOURSE TO DOLLARS 200,000 LETTER OF CREDIT. (IN LATE
1971 AND EARLY 1972 OMAR ARTEH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RAISED SUB-
JECT WITH DCM AND AMBASSADOR. OUR RESPONSE WAS THAT WE DID NOT
THEN SEE A POSSIBILITY TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAS RESULTED
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IN SIGNIFICANT CONCESSION ON PART OF USG TO ACCEPT \$200,000

SETTLEMENT IN LIEU OF LARGER FIGURE. PRACTICAL SOLUTION, WE EMPHASIZED, WAS FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BE RESUMED AND ALI SHEIKH THEREBY TO EARN FUNDS TO REPAY PART OF HIS INDEBTEDNESS.)

3. WE HAVE INFORMED FONOFF THAT TEAM WILL DEPART MOGADISCIO EITHER NOV 14 OR 18, DEPENDING UPON DEVELOPMENTS. NO RESPONSE YET RECEIVED TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUESTED MEETING WITH SIAD.
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